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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Prohibition & Excise Department - Sri S. Ravi Kumar, P&ES, Special Enforcement Bureau, O/o the Commissioner of SEB, Vijayawada -Departmental Proceedings initiated under rule 20 of the APCS (CCA) Rules 1991 r/w rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980- Article of charges - issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.758 Dated:19.09.2022

ORDER:-

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri S. Ravi Kumar, Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Special Enforcement Bureau, O/o. the Commissioner of SEB, Vijayawada in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure.I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Sri S. Ravi Kumar, Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Special Enforcement Bureau, O/o. the Commissioner of SEB, Vijayawada is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri S. Ravi Kumar, Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Special Enforcement Bureau, O/o. the Commissioner of SEB, Vijayawada is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges which are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri S. Ravi Kumar, Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Special Enforcement Bureau, O/o. the Commissioner of SEB, Vijayawada is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in Para 3 above further actions will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri S. Ravi Kumar, Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Special Enforcement Bureau, O/o. the Commissioner of SEB, Vijayawada is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri S. Ravi Kumar, Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, O/o the Commissioner of Special Enforcement Bureau, Vijayawada is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

RAJAT BHARGAVA,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (EXCISE & R&S)

To
Sri S. Ravi Kumar, Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Special Enforcement Bureau, (in duplicate) through Commissioner SEB, Vijayawada for service on the individual and to return the served copy with dated acknowledgement.

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The Commissioner, Prohibition & Excise, A.P., Vijayawada to obtain the served copy with dated acknowledgement and furnish to the Government.

Copy to:

The Commissioner SEB, Vijayawada.

The Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise, Guntur.

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE - I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI S.RAVI KUMAR, PROH. & EXCISE SUPERINTENDENT.

Sri S.Ravi Kumar, Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, S/o Sri Satyanarayana Sharma is a native of Nalgonda District. He joined as Prohibition & Excise Inspector on 18.07.1998 in Prohibition & Excise Department. Subsequently, he has been promoted as Prohibition & Excise Superintendent on 05.10.2018. His date of retirement on attaining the age of superannuation is on 30.04.2027. He is herein referred as Charged Officer.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE -I:-

Sri S. Ravi Kumar while working as Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Tenali, being a disciplined uniformed Government servant committed a grave misconduct by tampering tenders for selection of buildings to establish Government Retail Outlets so as to do favour to Bar Owners as well as certain private persons.

Thus, Sri S. Ravi Kumar, Prohibition & Excise Superintendent by his above mentioned act has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, conduct of unbecoming of a public servant and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1) (2) & (3) of Andhra Pradesh, Civil services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE -II:-

Sri S. Ravi Kumar, Prohibition & Excise Superintendent while working as Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Tenali Station being a disciplined uniformed Government servant has committed a grave misconduct by involving in corruption activities in demanding and accepting bribe amounts @ 1.75 lakhs, 2.5 lakshs & 3 lakhs each from Bar owners of Tenali for not establishing Govt Liquor shops nearby Bars in Tenali Town through Sri Mamatha Nageswara Rao owner of Mamatha Bar & Restaurant, Tenali.

Thus Sri S. Ravi Kumar, Prohibition & Excise Superintendent by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, conduct un-becoming of a public servant and thereby contravened Rule-3(1)(2)&(3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Article Of Charge III:

Sri S.Ravi Kumar while working as Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Tenali has committed grave misconduct by not establishing outlet at RTC Bus Stand at which earlier A4 shop was located and had about Rs.11 crores turnover during 2017-18 only to favour Sri Mamatha Nageswara Rao as his Mamatha Bar & Restaurant is located there and thereby caused loss to Government Revenue.

"Thus Sri S.Ravi Kumar by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, demanded and accepted huge bribe amount, failed to work in devotion of duty, conduct un-becoming of a public servant and thereby contravened Rule-3 (1), (2), (3) & (5) of Andhra Pradesh Civil services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE- II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI S. RAVI KUMAR, P&ES, SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU, TENALI.

The then Director of Enforcement has informed that a complaint petition was received from Meduri Ramu of Guntur Town making allegations against Excise Officials of Guntur, Tenali and Mangalagiri that Sri Adiseshu, Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise, Guntur(now retired), Sri Ravi Kumar, Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Tenali (presently working in SEB) and Sri Eswara Rao, formerly SHO, Tenali collected money in large scale from Bar& Restaurant Owners for not establishing Government Liquor Shops near Bars in Guntur, Tenali, Undavalli and Mangalagiri . In Tenali Town, Sri Ravi Kumar, Prohibition & Excise Superintendent collected huge bribe amounts through Mamatha Nageswara Rao causing loss to Government revenue for not establishing Government Outlets at RTC Bus Stand which is public floating place and also nearby Bar & Restaurants of Tenali. It is also alleged that the said officials have also tampered tenders for selection of buildings to establish liquor shops so as to do favour to Bar Owners. It is also alleged that, they have established liquor shops near the Bars who did not paid money to them. The Government has also forwarded a similar complaint and requested to take necessary action. Both the complaints were entrusted to Sri P.Veerendra Babu, Inspector of Police, STF Team-VI for enquiry on 28.11.2019 & 11.12.2019 and he submitted report on 27.01.2020.

The DOE has further informed that the Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh State Beverages Corporation Limited has also forwarded the similar petition received from the CMO in which it was also alleged that Sri Mamtha Nageswara Rao having two bars and one lodge in Tenali and he used to manage Excise Officials on which DSP, STF was asked to conduct detailed confidential enquiry on 24.02.2020 and Sri N.Krishna Kishore Reddy, DSP, STF, Team 7&8 submitted his report to DOE. Sri Mamatha Nageswara Rao having two bars and one lodge in Tenali and he used to manage Excise Officials and collected Rs.2.5 Lakhs from each Bar owner in Tenali town to give the amount to Excise Officials i.e., Deputy Commissioner & Prohibition & Excise Superintendent & SHO for not establishing Government Outlets near the Bars. Sri Mamatha Nageswara Rao managed Sri Srinivasa Murthy, Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, STF by paying bribes to conduct raids on Bars who have not paid money as demanded. The findings of the enquiry report are as follows:

Findings of the Enquiry:

1. Allegation that irregularities in purchasing low standard furniture to Government liquor shops is not proved.

2. Allegation of collecting money from Bar Owners of Undavalli, Mangalagiri and Guntur is not proved.

3. Collection of bribe amounts @ 1.75 lakhs, 2.5 lakshs & 3 lakhs each from Bar owners of Tenali by Sri Adiseshu, Dy.Commissioner of Proh.&Excise, Guntur(now retired), Sri Ravi Kumar, P&ES, Tenali (presently working in SEB) and Sri Eswara Rao, SHO, Tenali (U/s) (now reinstated into service and waiting for posting) through Sri Mamatha Nageswara Rao owner of Mamatha Bar & Restaurant, Tenali for not establishing Government Liquor Shops near Bars is proved.

3. Tampering of tenders for selection of buildings to establish Government Retail Outlets to favour Bar Owners as well as certain private persons is proved.

4. It is also proved that GRO, Sultanabad, Tenali is established near Bar who didn't paid bribe amount to the said officials.

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6. Causing loss to Government Revenue by not establishing outlet (at RTC Bus Stand at which earlier A4 shop was located and had about Rs.11 crores turnover during 2017-18) only to favour Sri Mamatha Nageswara Rao as his Mamatha Bar & Restaurant is located there is also proved.

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ANNEXURE- III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI S. RAVI KUMAR, formerly P&ES, TENALI PRESENTLY WORKING AS P&ES, SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU, O/o THE COMMISSIONER OF SEB ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. Complaint Petition from Sri Meduri Ramu of Guntur Town dt.18.11.2019.
2. DOE Office Cr.No.955/2019/DOE/B2, Dt.28.11.2019
3. Report received from Sri P.Veerendra Babu, IOP,STF, Team-6, dt.27.02.2020.
4. Memo No.CPEOMISC/321/2019-Exc.II/Rev, Dt.28.10.2019.
5. DOE Cr.No.965/2019/DOE/B2, Dated:11.12.2019
6. Report submitted by Sri P.Veerendra Babu, IOP, STF, Team-6, Dated:27.02.2020
7. Endt.No.3188788/Ex.I(2)/2019, dt.30.12.2019 of Government of A.P.
8. Lr.No.APSBCL/ROs/2019-20/GM(E)/166, Daated :24.02.2020
9. Report submitted by Sri N.Krishna Kishore Reddy, DSP, STF, Team 7&8.
10. DOECr.No.955/2019/DOE/B2, Dated:17.03.2020.

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ANNEXURE- IV

LIST OF WITNESS BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI S.RAVI KUMAR, FORMERLY P&ES, TENALI ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. Meduri Ramu of Guntur Town
2. Sri Mamatha Nageswara Rao, Mamatha Bar & Restaurant, Tenal
3. Sri P.Veerendra Babu, formerly IOP,STF, Team-6
4. Sri N.Krishna Kishore Reddy, formerly DSP, STF, Team 7&8.
5. The then Bar & restaurant owners of Guntur, Tenali & Mangalagiri Towns.

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